

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS BIOGRAPHIES

**CHIEF JUDGE****JOSEPH F. MURPHY, JR.**

Chief Judge, Court of Special Appeals, At Large, since 1996 (Judge since July 25, 1993). Board of Directors, Maryland Judicial Institute, 1985-93, 1995-2000. Chair, Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1996-. Member, Library Committee, State Law Library, 1997-; Maryland Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, 1998-2001; Technology Oversight Board, 1999-. Member, Judicial Cabinet, 2000-; Judicial Council, Maryland Judicial Conference, 2000-; Advisory Board, Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, 2001-.

Chair, Article 27 (crimes & punishments) Revision Committee, 1991-. Member, Code Revision Committee, 1991-2004.

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SALLY DENISON ADKINS, Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1st Appellate Circuit (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties), since June 24, 1998. Member, Civil Law and Procedure Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 1997-2000, 2001-02; Judges, Masters and Juvenile Justice Committee, 1998-. Chair, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, 1999-.

Member, Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission, 1st Judicial Circuit, 1983-90. Member, Ethics Commission, Wicomico County, 1986-96. Member, Attorney General's Advisory Council on Family Legal Needs of Low-Income Persons (family court committee), 1991-93. Associate Judge, Wicomico County Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, August 23, 1996 to June 23, 1998. Born in Salisbury, Maryland, January 21, 1950. Lawrence University, B.A. (philosophy), 1972; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D. (with honors), 1975. Law clerk to Judge Marvin H. Smith, Court of Appeals, 1975-76. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1976. Adkins, Potts & Smethurst, 1976-95 (associate attorney, 1976-81; partner, 1982-96). Partner, Adkins & Allen, L.L.P., 1995-96. Member, Maryland State Bar Association (past member, committee on judicial personnel issues, committee on laws); Wicomico County Bar Association (president, 1991-92); Women's Bar Association (president, eastern shore chapter, 1990-92). Board of Directors, Legal Aid Bureau, 1980-84.

Board of Directors, Coastal Hospice, Inc., 1980-88. Board of Directors, Mid-Delmarva Family Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Inc., 1981-91. Board of Directors, E. S. Adkins & Co., 1982-. Board of Directors, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury, Maryland, 1986-96. Board of Directors, Organize, Unite, and Revitalize (OUR) Community, Inc., 1995-2005. Member, Greater Salisbury Committee, Inc. 1990-97. Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation, 1992-. Co-recipient, Rita C. Davidson Award, Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 1999. Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award for significant contributions to advancement of women's rights, Women's Law Center of Maryland, 2000.

MARY ELLEN BARBERA, Judge, Court of Special Appeals, At Large, since January 4, 2002.

Assistant Attorney General, 1985-89, and Deputy Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Office of Attorney General, 1989-98. Legal Counsel, Office of Governor, 1999-2001 (deputy legal counsel, 1998-99). Member, Task Force to Examine Crime Victims' Rights Laws in Maryland, 1995-2003. Towson State College, B.S. (early childhood education), cum laude, 1975. Teacher, Baltimore City Public School System, seven years. University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1984. Law clerk to Judge Robert L. Karwacki, Court of Special Appeals, 1984. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1984. Member, Maryland State Bar Association